

REMARKS

The Office Action of April 3, 2006 has been carefully considered.

It is noted that the title of the invention is objected to for not being descriptive.

Claims 1-9, 15 and 16 are provisionally rejected on the ground of non-statutory obviousness-type double patenting over claims 1-5, 9, 10, 12-16 and 18 of copending Application Serial No. 10/875,412.

Finally, it is noted that claims 10-14 will be allowable if rewritten in independent form.

In connection with the title, Applicant has deleted the original title and has presented a new title which is believed to be clearly indicative of the invention.

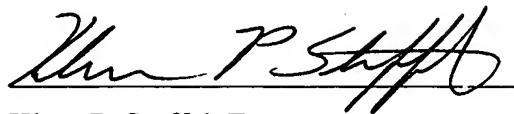
Regarding the rejection of claims 1-9, 15 and 16 on the ground of nonstatutory obviousness-type double patenting, applicant has enclosed herewith a Terminal Disclaimer disclaiming the terminal portion of any patent issuing on the present application which might extend beyond any patent issuing on Application Serial No. 10/875,412.

With this submission, it is respectfully submitted that the provisional rejection of claims 1-9, 15 and 16 on the ground of nonstatutory obviousness-type double patenting over claims 1-5, 9, 10, 12-16 and 18 of copending Application Serial No. 10/875,412 is overcome and should be withdrawn.

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It is respectfully submitted that the application is now in condition for allowance and such action is earnestly requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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